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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The patents and/or publications listed on the enclosed PTO Form-1449 are submitted pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98. Copies of the patents or publications are enclosed as necessary.

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		A.		a certification as specified in 37 CFR §1.97(e).	
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